

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Issue Joined

ALTHOUGH Senator McCarthy vehemently denies that he is challenging President Eisenhower for leadership of the Republican Party, the effect of his recent public utterances, and in particular his television broadcast, is to place him in a position of wide and nearly implacable opposition to the President. And the impression he has left is that he is ready to go to any attainable lengths—even that of trying to discredit Mr. Eisenhower in the eyes of the country—in order to dominate the whole Republican Party's approach to the 1954 Congressional campaign and to make himself the central issue. To some his TV speech might be considered a thinly concealed attack against the President, but it must not be assumed that Mr. McCarthy does anything casually, or does not know what he is up to. True, the Senator used his harshest words against Mr. Truman, but he planted as many visible accusations and innuendoes against President Eisenhower as he did against Mr. Truman—and carefully left them there in the expectation that they would grow in the public mind. On several matters Senator McCarthy has set himself in pointed opposition to Mr. Eisenhower and has invited the people to write to the White House supporting his views.

THE most significant subject over which McCarthy and Eisenhower are publicly in disagreement is that of making Communists in government a major issue in next year's Congressional election. President Eisenhower has said that the Republican party should not make this a plank in the Party's platform since by next year it would be usefully forgotten because his own Administration would be doing such a good job. Senator McCarthy has retorted that if he can have his way he will make this very subject the all-pervading issue of the election. This is a most direct challenge and whether or not the President wishes it, the issue is joined between himself and Senator McCarthy. It would seem inescapable that before long the people of the United States will have to decide whether to place greater trust in McCarthy or whether to place greater trust in the purposes and wisdom of President Eisenhower.

BIG 3 DISCUSS FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS TODAY

M. Laniel's Condition

HAMILTON, Dec. 6. The following bulletin was issued here tonight on the condition of the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, who was unable to attend yesterday's and today's sessions of the Big Three leaders owing to illness: "M. Laniel has had a chill. This has been associated with a high temperature and infection at the base of one lung. The temperature has fallen but the sign in the chest has not yet cleared. His present condition is satisfactory." The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran, who is Sir Winston Churchill's personal physician, and by Dr. R. C. Curtis. — Reuter.

Parachutists Prepare To Meet Attack

Hanoi, Dec. 6. French Union parachutists holding the important mountain and valley stronghold of Dien Bien Phu, on the Tonkin-Laos border, were today digging in ready for a Vietminh attack expected this week.

The parachutists captured the stronghold two weeks ago. A French High Command said in Hanoi today that a 12,000-strong Vietminh division had reached the area of Sonia, east of Dien Bien Phu, after a three-week march from the rim of the Red River delta.

A spearhead of the division was believed to be less than 30 miles from the stronghold. The spokesman said the rebel divisions' advance had been slowed by heavy bombing attacks by French Air Force planes.

The Communists were believed here to be determined to re-establish their prestige with the Thai people, who live in this district, as they were reported recently to be trying to create racial consciousness among the Thais of Indo-China, Burma and Thailand (Siam).

The Vietminh defeat at Dien Bien Phu two weeks ago has been followed by rapid mopping up operations by French forces in the Thai country of Northern Laos. — Reuter.

All Set For Talks With Russia

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, DEC. 7. THE WESTERN BIG THREE WILL TODAY (MONDAY) DISCUSS FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SAID HERE LAST NIGHT.

The communique, issued after last night's talks between President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and M. Georges Bidault, sitting in for M. Joseph Laniel—who has a chill—said discussion on European questions was continued.

M. Bidault explained "the French position in the European Defence Community."

It was announced also that President Eisenhower will address the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday on "the perils confronting the world in this atomic age." He will fly to New York earlier the same day. This address will not be a report on the Bermuda conference, the official spokesman said.

The spokesman said Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel have approved the text of the address, which Lord Cherwell and Admiral Lewis Stansfeld, the British and American atomic experts, have sent the past three days preparing.

Today the Big Three will have two meetings, one in the morning and the final session of the conference in the afternoon. The Foreign Ministers will also meet in the afternoon.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who presided at two meetings of the Foreign Ministers yesterday, reported to the Big Three session last night at Mr. Eisenhower's request.

The heads of government conferred for about two and a half hours, ending their session at 11:30 GMT.

At the briefing later, correspondents pressed the delegation spokesman for an explanation of why Mr. Eisenhower came to show the text of his United Nations address to the other delegation leaders.

Mr. Eisenhower "wanted Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel to know what he is going to say out of courtesy," the American spokesman said. "He felt they should know about his speech as he is going to the United Nations straight from Bermuda."

He added: "He will speak as the American President and not as a spokesman for the three heads of government."

The French spokesman said: "M. Bidault said 'It is a pretty good speech'—and that's all."

READY FOR TALKS

After the Foreign Ministers' first meeting yesterday, a spokesman said the Big Three were all set for talks with Russia—subject only to any minor comments from the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

It was learned here that this trans-ocean consultation with the West German leader was routine. Much of the ground-work on the Western note agreeing to Big Four talks early next year—probably in Berlin—was done before the Bermuda talks began.

Dr. Adenauer's observations will come direct to the Foreign Ministers, who have been given authority by their chiefs to clinch the deal.

A delegation source said they hoped to have Dr. Adenauer's comments in time to dispatch the note to Moscow today.

Elaborating last night on Mr. Eisenhower's United Nations speech, the American delegation spokesman said the President had been urged "for some months" to address the world organization.

The latest request came from Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General. "I assume the President chose his own subject," the spokesman added.

British Troops Take Action

Cairo, Dec. 6. The Governor of the Egyptian Province of Sharkia adjoining the Suez Canal zone reported tonight that British armoured cars today surrounded a village in the province and British troops fired "several hundred" rounds at the village.

The Egyptian Provincial Governor in his report to the Ministry of the Interior here said the Egyptian police and gendarmes were called out to defend the population of the village.

He added that British troops withdrew several hours later and no casualties were reported.

The Governor also reported that one Egyptian was killed in an incident with British forces in the same area yesterday. — Reuter.

Chou En-Lai Lashes Out At US

Attacks Atrocities Resolution

Tokyo, Dec. 7. Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai condemned last week's United Nations General Assembly resolution against war atrocities as "slandering the Korean-Chinese forces."

Premier Chou called the resolution "illegal" and said in a 2,000-word Radio Peking statement that it was submitted to the UN by the United States "and four of its satellite countries."

He accused America of stalling off the Korean peace conference "to maintain tension in the Far East and Asia."

The Communist Chinese leader complained bitterly that the UN has not recognized Communist China, continuing "to ignore the existence" of his government.

He also charged the US with fostering the cold war in Asia and with violating the rules of humane warfare during the Korean fighting.

"SHAMEFUL PAGE" Chou said the adoption of the resolution "marks another shameful page in the history of the United Nations."

He added that the resolution "is clearly illegal, calumnious and invalid."

The Red Premier said that Allied war prisoners will testify to the "lenient policy" followed by Communist guards in North Korean POW camps, and accused the U.S. of a lengthy denunciation of waging inhuman warfare.

Chou's statement said the Chinese and North Korean "protective care of the people and their lenient treatment of prisoners of war has long been common knowledge among the people of the whole world."

"Many of the directly repatriated prisoners of war have borne testimony, both by their good health and their words of gratitude, to the fact that the lenient treatment accorded the United Nations POWs by the (Comm, on Back Page, Col. 3)

Queen Attends Divine Service

Aboard the Gothic, Dec. 6.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh today attended morning service aboard the Gothic.

The service, which was held on the forward games deck under an awning was conducted by the Captain of the Gothic, Captain David Altholm, and the Lesson read by the Flag Officer Royal Yacht, Vice Admiral E.M.C. Abel Smith.

The hot South Pacific day provided a perfect setting for the service.

The sun shone on the bright blue waters and shoals of flying fish played round the bows of the Gothic. — Reuter.



Murder At Benfleet



Kelly Changes His Mind

Belfast, Dec. 6. William Kelly, 32-year-old member of the Northern Ireland Parliament, who was gaolaged for 12 months last Friday for sedition, is not sitting naked in his cell as he vowed—he would before he was sentenced.

"Kelly is wearing prison clothes and is being treated like any ordinary prisoner," a prison official said today.

In court, Kelly shouted: "I will never submit to wearing prison garb. You may hold me in your gaols but you will hold me naked."

Kelly seems to have changed his mind about what he will "wear" in prison as a result of an appeal from some of his former followers, who have formed a new Republican party named Flanna Uladh—the Ulster Party.

A leader said: "Kelly means a tremendous lot to us and that is why in the interests of health we have asked him to wear prison clothes."

The new party was formed by 500 followers of Kelly and is in opposition to the Anti-partition League, the body representing orthodox nationalist opinion.

The new party advocates more militant action to restore the unity of Ireland and a boycott of both the Northern Ireland and British Parliaments. — China Mail Special.

Troops Start Withdrawing

Udine, Dec. 6. Italian troops were tonight withdrawing to their normal positions after 50 days at emergency stations on the Italo-Yugoslav frontier.

The withdrawal, involving crack Alpine divisions, armoured regiments and infantry, is expected to take a fortnight.

It follows conversations in Rome yesterday between the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giuseppe Peila, and the Yugoslav Minister in Rome, Pavel Gregoric, in which they decided to normalise the frontier position between the two countries "in a very short time."

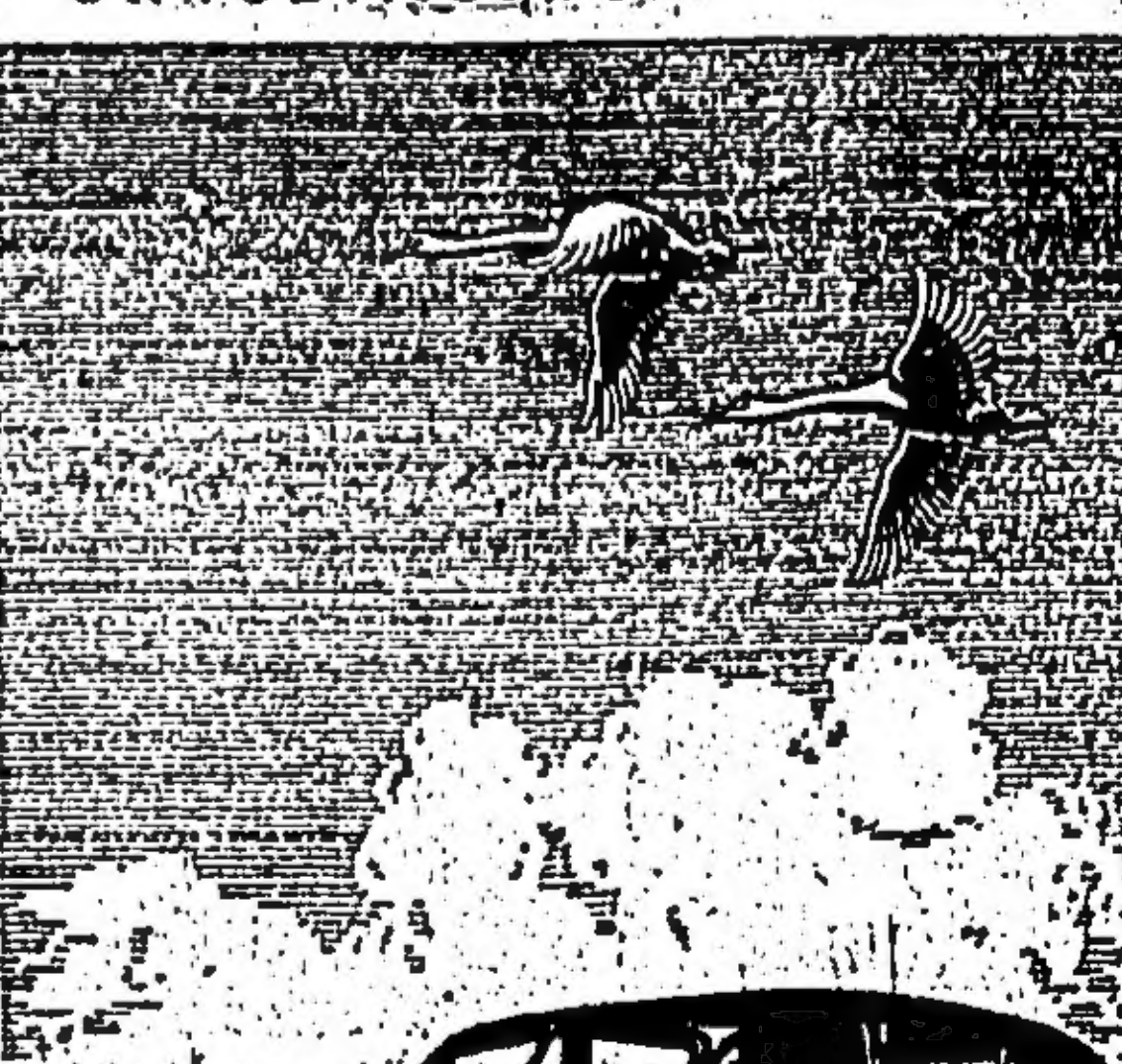
The Italian Government pushed troops to the frontier last September. In the belief that Yugoslav troops were about to annex part of zone "A."

Italian reports said there were 30,000 Yugoslav troops massed along the frontier. — Reuter.

Truck Crash: 24 Killed

Tehran, Dec. 6. A total of 24 rural workers were killed today when a truck in which they were travelling to Market crashed into a ditch. — France Press.

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Edmund Hillary, the
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with a book on Norwegian
beekeeping methods and
three pots of honey. One
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Sir Edmund is a
beekeeper by profession in
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He later left for Stock-
holm.—France-Press.

POPE CALLS FOR HOUSING SOLUTION

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Dec. 6.
Pope Pius XII has called upon
a group of counsellors of the
Roman Institute of Popular
Priced Dwellings to seek a solu-
tion of the housing problem for
the poor of Rome. He said, "I
am still living in caves,
huts and caverns."

"The Pope said that homes are
"necessary for the spiritual,
moral, juridical and economic
unity of the family."

"While it is up to you," the
Pontiff said, "to battle usury on
land and financial speculation of
any kind on property, it is up to
the public authorities to seek
solutions and to protect public
interests in a manner which
must have method and be
energetic at the same time."

After saying that numerous
people are attracted from the
country-side by "the bright city
lights," Pius said:

"You must do your utmost to
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America-Pakistan Military Alliance Not Yet Finalised

Karachi, Dec. 6.
Informed and highly placed American sources said today, as U.S. Vice-President Richard Nixon landed here for a three-day visit, that no final decision has been made regarding a military alliance between the United States and Pakistan.

Mr Nixon arrived here to find himself the centre of growing speculation over the military deal. He refused any sort of comment, but it was reported he is expected to discuss such a military pact with the highest Pakistani officials.

Mr Nixon was not expected to make a report or recommendation to Washington until after hearing Pakistani views.

During his just-completed tour of India, he got an earful of Indian objections to such a pact. It was said to be a growing Indian suspicion that his visit here was directly linked with an alliance.

Pakistan, in turn, has received a note from the Soviet Union asking for clarification of reports that U.S. air bases would be established in Pakistan and stating that such a move would have "a direct bearing on the security of the Soviet Union."

Premier Mohammed Ali re-buffed the Russian note in a broadcast to his countrymen in which he said that Pakistan would brook no interference in its foreign policy by "any power, however strong."

INFORMED SOURCES

Some informed sources here felt that India's objection, however, may swing a good deal of weight in the final Washington decision.

These sources felt that published reports of an imminent alliance were premature although they admitted the ultimate possibility of such an alliance.

American diplomatic circles here and elsewhere in Asia feel that such a pact must have the most thorough consideration because it will have heavy implications for the entire American policy in Asia.

Although Mr Nixon said nothing about the alliance, observers recalled he said pointedly on his departure from New Delhi that no U.S. military aid would be used to promote aggression. This was interpreted as an effort to allay Indian fears of Pakistani action if the deal goes through.

MEET PREMIER

During his three-day stay, Mr Nixon will meet Premier Mohammed Ali both privately and at formal receptions. He will also have frequent opportunity to obtain the views of Government officials. General Ghulam Mohammed who recently made an unofficial visit to the United States, and other Pakistani officials.

Pakistani officials are certain to point out to President Eisenhower's personal envoy the significance of Pakistan's strategic position in the defence of the free world, informed sources said.

Premier Ali is believed likely to reassert Mr Nixon that his government is inwardly as strong in its determination to reject Soviet pressure as it has been in its outward protestations.—United Press.

Atom Victim Marries

Moreton in the Marsh, West England Dec. 6.
A pretty Japanese girl who was hit by Hiroshima when the atom bomb fell on August 6, 1945, was married yesterday in this sleepy village amid the Cotswold Hills.

She was Miss June Agnes Itoe, who flew to England in July to marry ex-Sergeant Allan Kline. He first met her while serving in the British Army in Japan and after returning home in 1951 wrote to her asking her to marry him.

Miss Itoe was leaving the railway station of Hiroshima when the atom bomb fell and spent weeks recovering from "atomic disease." But she is none the worse for it today. Her face was radiant as she signed the register.—China Mail Special.

United States To Build New Jap Air Force

New Orleans, Louisiana, Dec. 6.
Air Secretary Harold Talbott said here today, the seventh anniversary of the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbour, that America proposed eventually to help Japan build an air force.

Addressing a meeting of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, Secretary Talbott recalled that he had made many trips to the front of the Iron Curtain to inspect American installations and bases. "Japan," he continued, "by its treaty was stripped of its air power in 1946. The Japanese have not rebuilt their air power, as a consequence, the United States Air Force provides the air power required to defend that nation. We propose eventually to assist Japan in rebuilding her air power to provide a measure of her own security."

FORMOSA TRIP

Recalling also his trip to Formosa, Secretary Talbott said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek had a modest but well trained air force, whose planes, however, "would not stand a chance against the MIG-15 fighters of the Chinese Communist Air Force. We will, of course, assist the Chinese Nationalists in defending Formosa. The air force is vitally concerned in providing the air power necessary to guard this keystone to our Pacific defenses."

Talbot also said on the present strategy of American aviation, the Air Secretary said that the ideal, from the point of view of strategic operations, would be that they were launched from a point situated on the North American continent.

"We hope eventually to build a true intercontinental bomber, but with our present Boeing B-47 we require forward bases through which we can stage or send our strategic bombers to their targets."

The most important of these forward bases was Thule in Greenland, said Secretary Talbott.

He concluded that "Spain will be a most valuable asset in our strategic plans."—France-Press.

Aust. Must Produce Better Coal

Sydney, Dec. 7.
Australia must produce cheaper, cleaner and better quality coal to enable the industry to meet the challenge of competitive fuels and other sources of power, coal authority E.E. Warren said here recently on his return from overseas.

The chairman of the New South Wales Combined Colliery Proprietors' Association, Mr Warren said his observations in England, Europe and the United States, had convinced him that only the best and latest techniques on Australian coalfields would allow the industry to meet this challenge.

"The full co-operation of miners and the Mincra Federation will be essential. If the industry, said the jobs in it, are to go on," he warned.—China Mail Special.

Australia's Golden Oil Future

Perth, W. Aust. Dec. 7.
Areas around this city are looking to a golden future after the oil strike at Rough Range, Exmouth Gulf, 700 miles north from here, last week.

Properly values have soared and the value of residential areas around Perth has risen steeply.

Reports received today from Exmouth Gulf said crude oil shot 90 feet into the air from an oil well at Rough Range when the drill pipe was being pulled out after tests.

A 154-foot-high drilling rig tower was spattered by the sudden geyser and still shows black oil marks, the report said.

After another test, when drill pipes were being dismantled, drillers were ankle deep in crude oil as it flowed over the rig platform.

AMERICANS EXCITED
The strike excited even veteran American drillers, who are now working round the clock to get the drill biting deeper.

In Canberra Dr H. G. Raggatt, Secretary of the Department of National Development, said today the Bureau of Mineral Resources would press on immediately with oil testing operations in other parts of Western Australia.

Dr Raggatt, who is one of the persons mainly responsible for locating the oil drilling site at Exmouth Gulf, said the Bureau was working to a five-year oil search programme.

He predicted that much more oil would eventually be obtained in New Guinea than in Western Australia.

Oil gas and oil seepages have already been found over wide-spread areas of New Guinea, Dr Raggatt said.—China Mail Special.

Duke Leaves

London, Dec. 6.
The Duke and Duchess of Windsor left here by the cross channel boat for Paris tonight after a brief visit to Britain.

During his stay the Duke called on the Premier, Sir Winston Churchill, and also spent a few days at Frogmore House, Windsor, which belongs to the British Royal Family and where some of his personal belongings have been in store since he abdicated in 1936.—France-Press.

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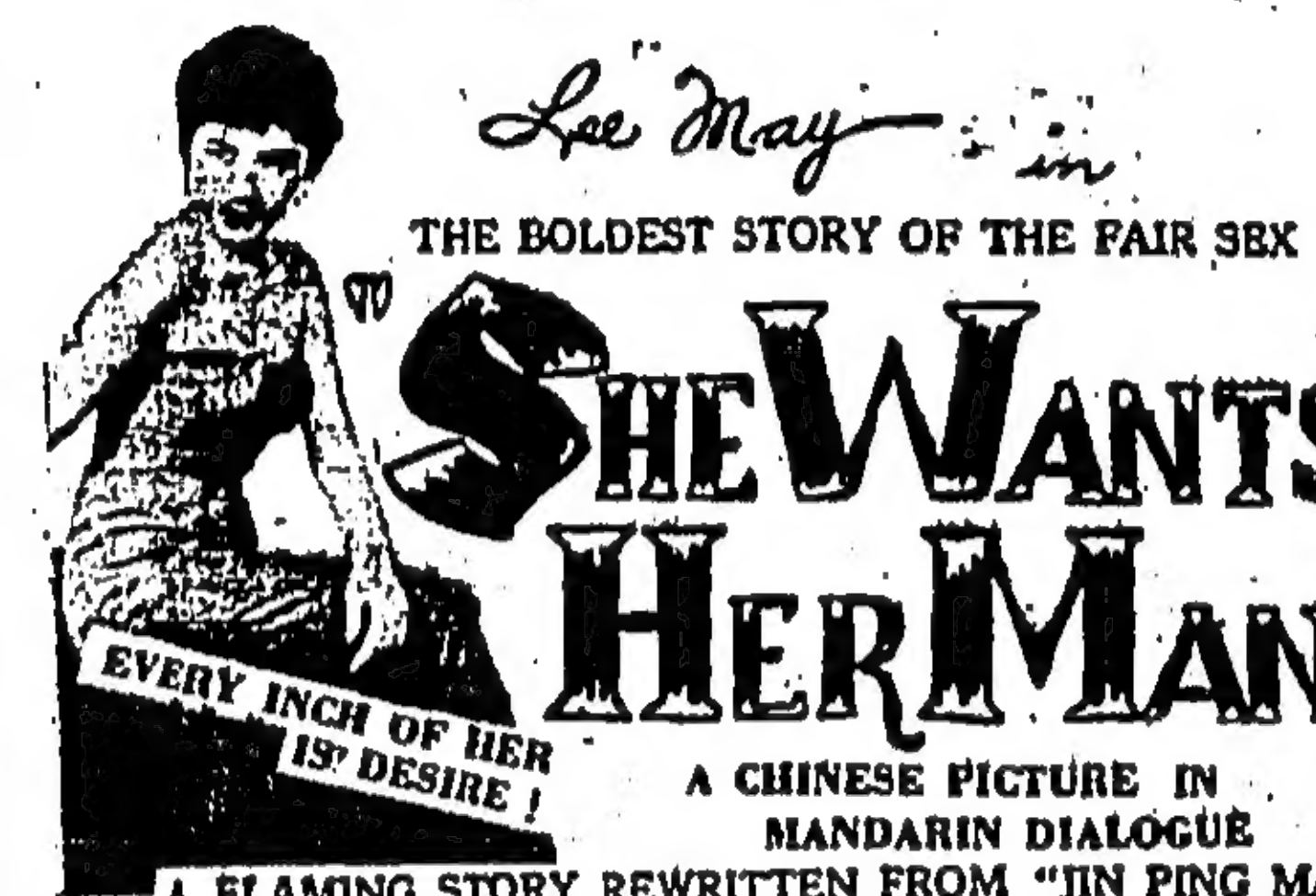
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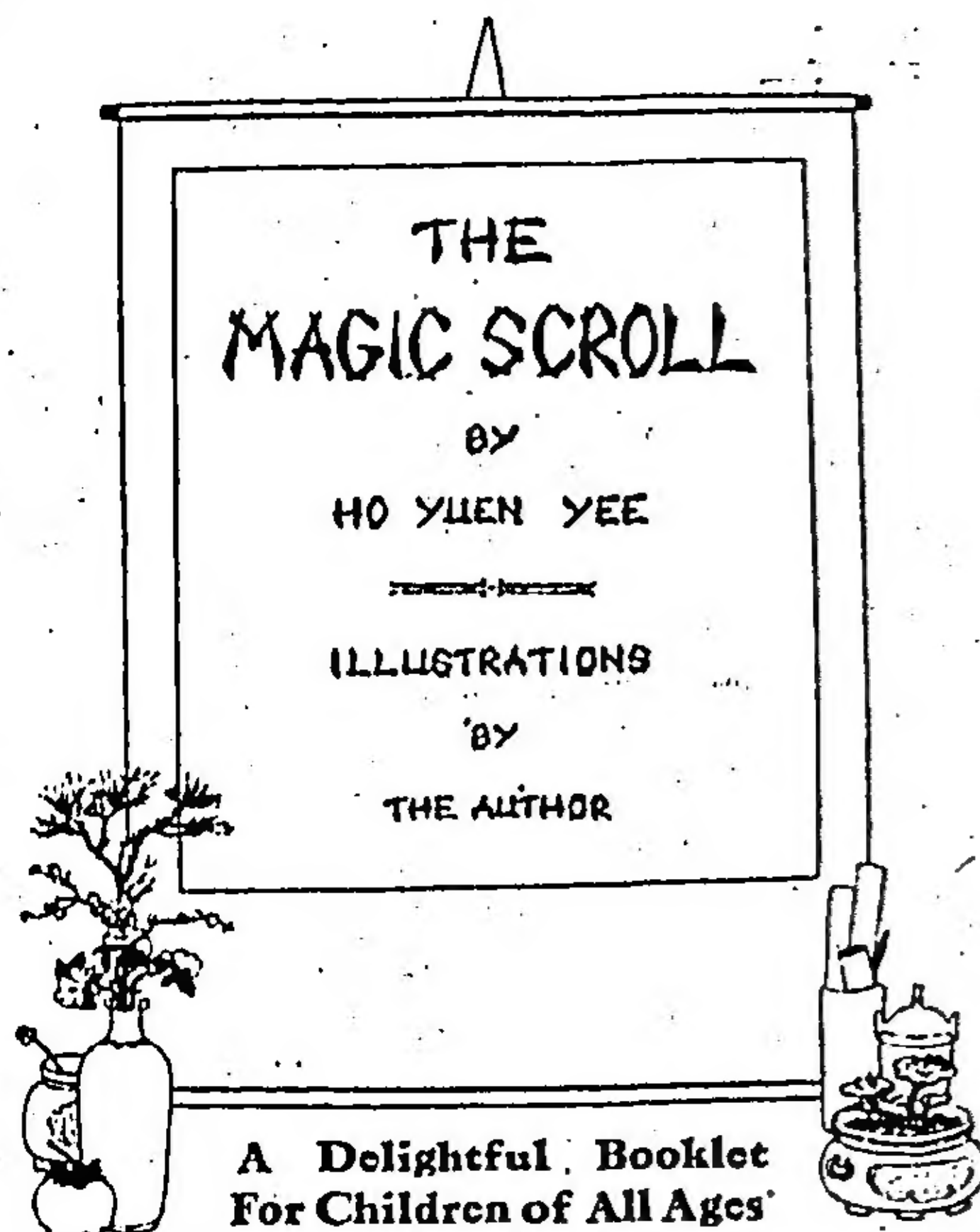
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CONFERENCES IN ATHENS WITH GREEK LEADERS

During December, 1944, street fighting in Athens increased in scale. Field-Marshal Alexander, faced by the possibility of sending large British reinforcements from the Italian front, hoped for a settlement through Archbishop Damaskinos, whom the King of Greece still refused to accept as Regent.

On Christmas Eve the Prime Minister and Mr Eden decided to look at the situation on the spot, and on Christmas Day they arrived by air in Athens.

At about noon we landed at the Kalamaki airfield which was guarded by about 2,000 British airmen, all well armed and active. Here were Field-Marshal Alexander, Mr Leeper (the British Ambassador) and Mr Macmillan (Minister of State). They came on board the plane, and we spent nearly three hours in hard discussion of the whole position, military and political. We were, I think, in complete agreement at the end, and about the immediate steps to be taken.

I and my party were to sleep on board the Ajax, anchored off the Piraeus, the famous light cruiser of the River battle, which now seemed a long time ago. The road was reported clear, and with an escort of several armoured cars we traversed the few miles without incident.

We boarded the Ajax before darkness fell, and I realised for the first time that it was Christmas Day. All preparations had been made by the ship's company for a jolly evening, and we certainly disturbed them as little as possible.

The sailors had a plan for a dozen of them to be dressed up in every kind of costume and disguise, in Chinese, Negroes, Red Indians, Cockneys, clowns—all to serenade the officers and warrant officers, and generally inaugurate revels suitable to the occasion. The Archbishop and his attendants arrived—an enormous tall figure in the robes and high hat of a dignitary of the Greek Church.

The two parties met. The sailors thought he was part of their show of which they had not been told, and danced around him enthusiastically. The Archbishop thought this motley gang was a premeditated insult, and might well have departed to the shore but for the timely arrival of the captain, who, after some embarrassment, explained matters satisfactorily. Meanwhile I waited, wondering what had

happened. But all ended happily. I sent an account of our various discussions to the War Cabinet.

Field-Marshal Alexander gave an encouraging account of present military situation, which had been grave a fortnight ago but was now much better. The Field-Marshal, however, had formed the decided view that behind the E.L.A.S. units there was a stubborn core of resistance, which was stronger than we had thought and would be very difficult to eradicate. If we were successful in pushing the E.L.A.S. force outside the boundaries of Athens, we should still be faced with a tremendous task if we tried to eliminate them altogether.

Mr Macmillan and Mr Leeper informed us they had been considering the summoning of a conference of all the political leaders, which E.L.A.S. would be invited to attend. We felt that the convening of such a conference, with the declared object of putting an end to fratricidal strife in Greece, would, even if E.L.A.S. refused the invitation, ensure that our intentions would have been made clear to the world. We also agreed it would be a good move that the Archbishop of the conference

When he came to see us (on board the Ajax) he spoke with great bitterness against the atrocities of E.L.A.S. (the Communist guerrillas) and the dark sinister hand behind E.A.M. (the political movement controlling E.L.A.S.). Listening to him, it was impossible to doubt that he greatly feared the Communist, or Trotskyite as he called it, combination in Greek affairs.

He told us that he had issued an encyclical today condemning the E.L.A.S. crowd for taking 8,000 hostages, middle-class people, many of them Egyptians, and shooting a few every day, and that he had said that he would report these matters to the Press of the world if the women were not released. After some wrangling he understood that the women would be released.

Generally he impressed me with a good deal of confidence. He is a magnificent figure, and he immediately accepted the proposal of being chairman of the conference.

I was impressed, especially from what the Archbishop said, by the intensity of hatred for Communists in the country. We had no doubt of this before we came here. Present position is confirmed by all we have heard so far. There is no doubt how the people of Athens would vote if they had a chance, and we

This is Chapter 20 of the great war leader's sixth and last book of war history. The book covers the closing phases of the struggle in Europe, from the Normandy landings to the surrender of the Germans.

must keep the possibility of getting them that chance steadily in view. I had of course kept the Prime Minister to President Roosevelt on 26 Dec 44

Anthony and I are going out to see what we can do to square this Greek entanglement. Basis of action: the King does not go back until a plebiscite in his favour has been taken. For the first, we cannot abandon those who have taken up arms in our cause, and must if necessary fight it out with them.

I must always be under- stood that we seek nothing from Greece, in territory or advantages. We have given much, and will give more if it is in our power. I count on you to help us in this time of unusual difficulty. In particular I should like you to tell your Ambassador in Athens to make contact with us and to help all he can in accordance with the above principles.

He replied next day. I have asked our Ambassador to call upon you as soon as possible, and I am ready to be of all assistance I can in this difficult situation. I hope that your presence there on the spot will result in achieving an entirely satisfactory solution.

ON the morning of Boxing Day I set out for the Embassy. I remember that three or four shells from the fighting which was going on a mile away on our left raised spouts of water fairly near the Ajax as we were about to go ashore. Here an armoured car and military escort awaited us. I said to my Private Secretary, Jack Colville, "Where is your pistol?" and when he said that he had not got one I scolded him, for I certainly had my own.

In a few moments, while we were crowding into our steel box, he said, "I have got a Tommy-gun." "Where did you get it from?" I asked. "I borrowed it from the driver," he replied. "What is he going to do?" I asked. "He will be busy driving."

"But there will be no trouble unless we are stopped," I answered, "and what is he going to do then?" Jack had no reply. A black mark! We rum- bled along the road to the Em- bassy without any trouble.

There I again met the Arch- bishop, on whom we were about to stake so much. He agreed to all that was pro- posed. We planned the pro- cedure at the conference to be held in the afternoon. I was at-

ready convinced that he was the outstanding figure in the Greek turmoil. Among other things, I had learned that he had been a champion wrestler before he entered the Orthodox Church.

Mr Leeper has noted that I said, "It would distress me to think that any new task Your Beatitude assumes as Regent might in any way interfere with your spiritual functions." He gave me all the necessary reassurance.

About six o'clock that evening, Dec. 28, the conference opened in the Greek Foreign Office. We took our seats in a large, bleak room after dark- ness fell. The winter is cold in Athens. There was no heating, and a few hurricane lamps cast a dim light upon the scene. I sat on the Archbishop's right, with Mr Eden, and Field-Marshal Alexander was on his left. Mr McNeill, the American Ambassador, M. Baccin, the French Minister, and the Soviet military representative had all accepted our invitation.

THE three Communist leaders were late. It was not their fault. There had been pro- longed bickering at the out- post. After half an hour we began our work, and I was already speaking when they en- tered the room. They were respectable figures in British battle dress.

In my speech I said, among other things: Mr Eden and I have come all this way, although great battles are raging in Belgium and on the German frontier, to make this effort to rescue Greece from a miserable fate and raise her to a point of great fame and repute. We do not intend to obstruct your deliberations. We British, and other representa- tives of the great untied vic- torious Powers, will leave you Greeks to your own dis- cussions—under this most eminent and most venerable citizen, and we shall not trouble you unless you send for us again.

We may wait a little while, but we have many other tasks to perform in this world of terrible storm. My hope is, however, that the conference which begins here this afternoon in Athens will restore Greece once again to her fame and power among the Allies and the peace- loving peoples of the world, will secure the Greek front- iers from any danger from the north, and will enable every Greek to make the best of himself and the best of his country before the eyes of the whole world.

For all eyes are turned up- on this table at this moment, and we British trust that whatever has happened in the heat of fighting, whatever misunderstandings there may have been, we shall preserve that old friendship between Greece and Great Britain which played so notable a part in the establishment of Greek independence.

I WAS glad to get back to the Embassy, where there were a few old stoves lent by G.H.Q. for the duration of my visit. While we were awaiting news from the conference and dinner I sent the following telegram to my wife, towards whom I felt penitent because of my de- sertion on Christmas Eve:

We have had a fruitful day, and so far there is no need to give up hope of some important results. H.M.S. Ajax is very comfortable, and one can get a view of the fighting in North Piraeus at quite short range. We have had to move a mile farther away, as we were getting too many of their trench mortar bombs in our neighbourhood.

I went into the Embassy up that long road from Piraeus to Athens in an armoured car with strong escort, and I addressed all the plucky women on Em- bassy staff, who have been in continued danger and dis- comfort for so many weeks, Mrs Leeper is an inspiration to them.

You will have read about the plot to blow up H.Q. in the Hotel Grande-Bretagne. I do not think it was for my benefit. Still, a ton of dynamite was put in sewers by extremely skilled hands and with German mechanism be- tween the time my arrival was known and daylight. I have made friends with Arch- bishop, and think it has been very clever to work him in as we have done, leaving the constitutional questions for further treatment later.

The conference at Greek Foreign Office was intensely dramatic. All three haggard Greek faces round the table, and the Archbishop with his enormous hat, making him, I should think, seven feet high, whom we got to pre- side.

Thanks were proposed, with many compliments to us for coming, by the Greek Government, and supported by E.L.A.S. representative, who added reference to Great Britain, "our great Ally"—all this with guns firing at each other not so far away.

After some consideration I shook E.L.A.S. delegate's hand, and it was clear from their response that they were gratified. They are the very top ones. We have now left them together, as it was a Greek show. It may break up at any moment. We shall wait for a day or two if

necessary to see. At least we have done our best.

Bitter and animated dis- cussions between the Greek parties occupied all the follow- ing day. At 5.30 that evening I had a final discussion with the Archbishop. As the result of his conversations with the E.L.A.S. delegates it was agreed I should ask the King of Greece to make him Regent. He would set about forming a new Government without any Communist members.

We undertook to carry on the fighting in full vigour until either E.L.A.S. accepted a truce or the Athens area was clear of them. I told him that we could not undertake any military task beyond Athens and Attica, but that we would try to keep British forces in Greece until the Greek National Army was formed.

Just before this talk I had received a letter from the Communist delegates asking for a private meeting with me. The Archbishop begged me not to assent to this. I replied that as the conference was fully Greek in character, I did not feel justified in agreeing to their request.

On the following morning, Dec. 28, Mr Eden and I left by air for Naples and London.

[At 4.30 in the morning of Dec. 30 the Prime Minister and Mr Eden persuaded the King of Greece to issue a proclamation declaring that he would not return to Greece until a free plebiscite had been held, and appoint- ing Archbishop Damaskinos Regent.]

I SENT the royal announce- ment at once to Mr Leeper in Athens, saying that the Archbishop from the moment when he received it should consider himself free to pro- ceed with all the functions of his office, and could be assured of the resolute support of His Majesty's Government.

The Archbishop replied to the King accepting his mandate as Regent. There was a new and living Greek Government. On Jan. 4 Gen. Plastiras, a vehe- ment Republican, who was the leader of the Army revolt against King Constantine in 1922, became Prime Minister. The continuous fighting in Athens during December at last drove the insurgents from the capital and by mid-January British troops controlled all Attica. The Communists could do nothing against our men in open country, and a truce was signed on Jan. 11.

All E.L.A.S. forces were to withdraw well clear of Athens, Salonika, and Patras. Those in the Peloponnese were to be given a safe-conduct to return to their homes. British troops would cease fire and stand fast. Prisoners would be re- leased on both sides. These ar- rangements came into force on Jan. 15.

It ended the six weeks' struggle for Athens, and, as it ultimately proved, for the free- dom of Greece from Commu- nist subjugation. When three million men were fighting on either side on the Western Front and vast American forces were deployed against Japan in the Pacific the spasm of Greece may seem petty, but nevertheless they stood at the nerve-centre of power, law and freedom in the Western world.

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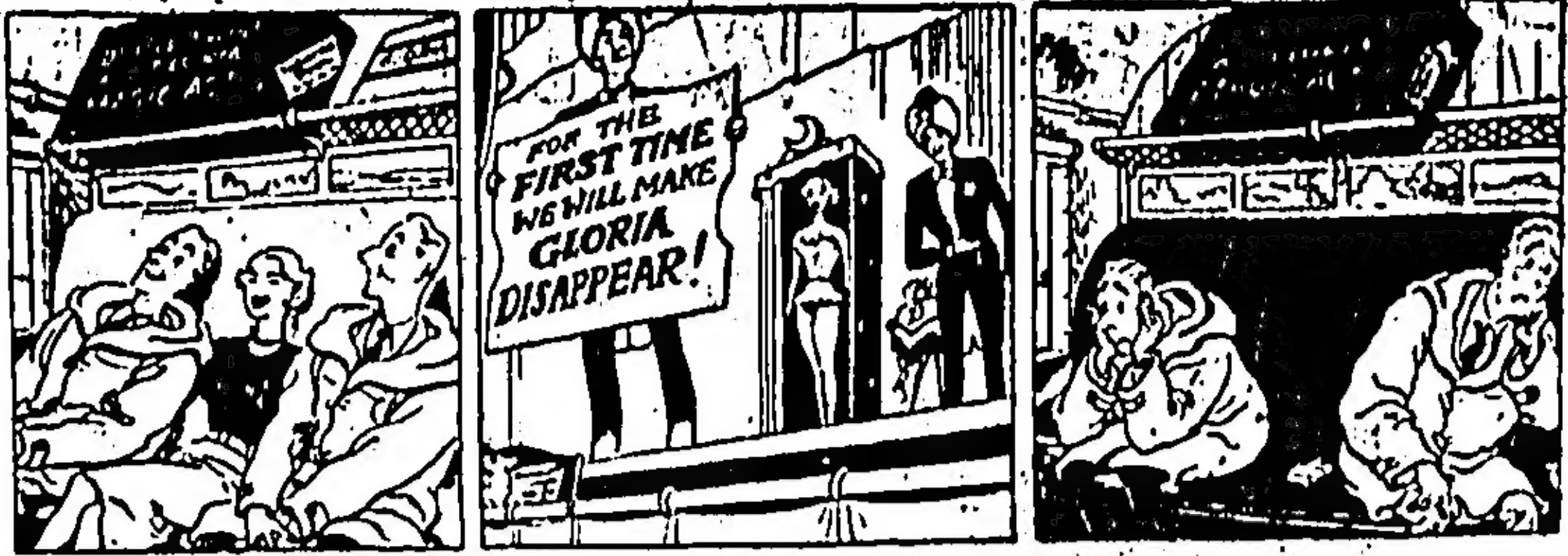
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"You'll get nothing up there that I ain't got in my shop. Bert Jones."

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THE DUFFLE TWINS by DODD



BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I SEE nothing to boast about in the fact that gross values exceed statutory deductions by nearly £27,000,000. Gross values of what? Statutory deductions from what?

Put it the other way round: statutory deductions exceed gross values by nearly £27,000,000. Who is any the wiser? The evidence is before our eyes every day, but if the argument is conducted by those who are so confused in mind that the proposition can be put either way, backwards or forwards, as it were, then I say that the whole thing becomes meaningless, and I am not going to fire the first shot in a nation-wide campaign.

In passing

EVIDENTLY intending to pay a compliment, a writer said of a woman novelist: "She talks at the writer." On, horror piled on horror! I have once described Mrs. de Stael, with a pen behind her ear and a mouthful of ink.

Retarded volition?

THE other day a horse called Extra Dry fell into the River Severn. No wonder. This is a perfect example of what the psychologists call a Reversed Mental Phenomenon, or a case of unshuffled morphology.

YOUR BIRTHDAY by STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

BORN today, you have an in-deniable will, and a deep interest in human welfare. These two characteristics, when combined, will make a lasting contribution to the welfare of the world, once you have learned to instrument your ideas. Blessed with a good memory, you rarely, if ever, make a mistake when depending upon your recollection for a fact. This would be helpful to you, especially in the field of literature or history.

There is, in contrast, a peculiarly lackadaisical attitude toward some of the more practical things of life, and sometimes it takes a lot of prodding to get you busy. But this must always be in the form of inspirational encouragement, rather than in the pushing method preferred by those who may think you are a little inclined to be lazy.

And, if the truth were told, you can be just that. If you are not interested in what you are forced to do, but let your imagination take hold and whip your interest to a high heat, and you can accomplish wonders.

You have a magnetic personality, but there are times when you prefer to be alone with your own thoughts rather than in the company of others. Your exceptionally keen intuition should always be followed. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Discretion Is Good Trait in Any Game

NORTH (D)		9
♠	J95	
♥	AJ7	
♦	1094	
♣	9802	
WEST		EAST
♠	AQ6	10743
♥	KQ9	10843
♦	AJ852	K
♣	104	QJ73
SOUTH		
♠	K82	
♥	852	
♦	Q763	
♣	AK5	
Both sides vul.		
North	East	South
Pass	1♣	Double
1NT	Pass	Pass
2♣	Double	Pass
Pass		
Opening lead—♠10		

By OSWALD JACOBY

IF third hand is expected to open rather light, this partner must act discreetly with a poor hand. Somebody is bound to get hurt if both partners get busy with poor hands.

West naturally doubled for a takeout, and North should have stayed out of the auction with his 6 points and miserable distribution. Instead, North decided to interfere with his opponents by bidding one no-trump. East had been wondering whether to bid hearts or spades, but he was glad to pass when North made his intervention bid.

West doubled again, thus confirming the fact that he had a really good hand. It is possible to make a takeout double on a rather light hand in certain bidding situations. If your partner fails to respond to this double, however, you don't climb back into the auction unless you have a really good hand.

North ran from one no-trump to the "safety" of two clubs. At this stage East decided that something funny was going on and that a penalty double might clarify the situation. He had very little for the double, but he had already indicated a weak hand by passing over one no-trump.

West opened the ten of clubs, a very fine choice. It was evident that his partner had trump strength and length, so West was anxious to draw trumps. South won with the king of clubs and led a low spade. West put up the queen of spades and led his remaining trump, which was covered by dummy's eight and East's jack. South won with the ace of clubs and led a heart. West put up the queen of hearts and was allowed to hold the trick.

West thought deeply for a moment or two and came to the conclusion that his partner had to have a diamond strength since it was evident that he had nothing in the major suits and only four moderately good trumps. West therefore boldly led a low diamond, and East was able to win with the king. East returned to a spade and West took his spade and got out with a third round of the same suit. South now finessed the jack of hearts and cashed the ace of hearts. When declarer then had to turn his attention to diamonds, West was able to lead his jack and ace. By now, East was reduced to trumps alone, and the queen and seven of clubs were good for the last two tricks. South managed to take only five tricks and was therefore punished to the tune of 800 points.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Diamond Double ? You, South, hold: Spade 5, Heart 6, Diamonds Q-J-9-5-2, Clubs K-Q-7-4-2. What do you do?

A—Ald five diamonds. There will be a fine play for this contract if your partner has the top diamonds and any ace. You bid your full strength at once, because you have no defence at all against either major suit, and therefore what you give the opponents from discovering their best fit.

TODAY'S QUESTION The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 6-5, Hearts K-Q-J-9-5, Diamonds 7-6-4, Clubs 9-8-3. What do you do?

WOMANSENSE

Fashions that make a woman look younger

By ANNE SCOTT-JAMES

SPEAKING as a great fan of facts, I think getting older is hell for a woman.

Trot out the old protests, if you must: that the very young are mostly unhappy... that poise and elegance have a charm of their own... that it's nice having a bit more money, and that it's character that counts.

And then admit what we both know perfectly well—that there's hardly a woman in the world over the age of 25 who wouldn't like to look younger than she is.

Luckily, it's not too hard to knock four, five years off your looks, or perhaps even more.

Out of all the substances that go to make fashion—out of all the fabrics and jewels and colours and details we wear—there are a few which are congenial flatterers; a few which have a quality of giving a sparkle to the woman who wears them.

You know how some flowers have a vibrancy while others have not—how roses have a glow of their own, while wallflowers are lifeless except in the sunshine.

It is rather like that. There are a few fashions which never go dead on you—which, on the contrary, give you freshness and life.

WHY DON'T YOU WEAR THEM?

I have made a list of the things which I think make a woman look younger. I have sorted and weeded, and boiled them down to five.

But you may have your own ideas. You may have tried and proved some personal fashion device which makes you look your youngest and best. Meanwhile, my five—

1 A VEIL. Nothing does so much for your face as a piece of veiling. The strange little dots and squares make the skin behind them look softer and whiter, and give you a behind-bars look that is pretty romantic.

2 FUR NEAR YOUR FACE. Fur is one of those substances that communicate their lustre to the woman who wears them. And fur near your face casts unbelievably flattering shadows.

3 WHITE. White is the youngest, and kindest of colours by far. Yet nobody seems to wear it except a baby or a deb. White freshens the skin and sets off the hair, whether dark hair or blond.

4 TULLE FOR EVENING. Of all the evening fabrics, tulle is the one that does most for your looks. It is airy and graceful without being floppy, like chiffon or lace. It has a springiness that's good.

5 BEAUTIFUL SHOES. Pretty ankles and feet make you look years younger—that's infallible. Which means paper-thin, low-cut, high-heeled shoes. (A good stout walking shoe is merely a necessary evil.)

But there's a new way with shoes. Very, very high-heeled, shining pumps. Perhaps patent leather for day, satin for evening. A satin slipper is surely the prettiest shoe that ever was made.

Add Personal Touch To Foods

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WHEN a lady reads 'specialite of the house' on a restaurant or hotel menu card, it sounds very glamorous," said the Chef. "And sometimes it also tastes glamorous. But many times she must be surprised to discover it is really an everyday dish, with a special presentation and new flavour."

"This is what I call 'personalising a food'," I explained. "It adds a new and exciting flavour-touch of one's own to a dish prepared by a basic recipe. This is fun, calling for inventiveness and imagination in preparing foods."

Personal Touch

"For instance, the filling for the beef potpie in today's column, I personalised by adding grape juice." "The grated cheese also could be added to the biscuit pastry used in making the potpie, Madame. The string beans I would personalise by cooking with a few button onions; and the cauliflower with a garnish of sizzling, pebbles, croutons."

Dinner

Strings Beans Cauliflower
Coffee "Golf" Caramel Sauce
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serves Four to Six

Beef Potpie

Prepare 1½ qt. beef stew or use 3 (No. 2) tins beef stew. Make 1 recipe rich biscuit pastry. Roll to ¼ in. thickness. Cut in strips 2 in. wide, and line the inside of a 3-pt. casserole. Bring the stew to boiling point. Pour into the casserole. Top with rounds of the biscuit pastry, cut 2 in. in diameter and place close together. Bake in a hot oven, 400° F. about 35 min., or until the biscuit topping is puffy and browned.

Beef Stew

Purchase 3 lbs. shin of beef, bone in. Remove as much of the meat from the bone as possible, and cut in small pieces. Crust the bone. Brown both meat and bone in a little beef fat. Add 2 sliced peeled onions; saute until yellowed. Then add 6 c. cold water, 1 small diced peeled carrot, 1 c. sliced peeled white turnip, and 1 small-diced green pepper. Cover and simmer about 3 hrs., or until the meat is tender. (Or use half the amount of water and pressure-cook 1½ hrs. at 15 lbs.)

Remove the bones. Skim off fat from the liquid. To the broth, add 2 c. thin-sliced peeled potatoes, 1 c. solid-pack minced tomato, 1 c. sliced celery, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, ½ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ½ tsp. grape juice. Continue to simmer until the vegetables are fork-tender. Then add 2 tbsp. enriched flour blended with 2 tbsp. cold water. Bring to boiling point and use.

Household Hints

To tenderise liver, scald before cooking.

Glass baking dishes which have become brown usually will come clean when washed in a strong solution of borax and water.

NOTHING flatters like a veil. Above: One to put on under a hat—under a small tricorn or pillbox or beret. Below: A larger hat with a tailored veil which an English designer has flown out to show in New York.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mice Use Mr. Punch's Phone

—That's Why He Has to Hide It Under His Desk—

By MAX TRELL

MR PUNCH'S telephone, which he kept carefully hidden under the desk to prevent the mice from using it, was now ringing.

"Ah," said Mr Punch to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I'd better see who's calling me."

"Hurry, Mr Punch!" said Hanid, who was afraid that whoever was calling might think Mr Punch was not at home and stop ringing.

Mr Punch crawled under the desk. This wasn't easy for him as he was quite fat and the space under the desk was quite narrow. But finally he reached the phone. "Hello?" Knarf and Hanid heard him saying. "Who wants me?"

There was a moment's pause. Then they heard Mr Punch saying: "Wrong number." He hung up the phone and came crawling out from under the desk again. "It was somebody calling for Curly."

"Who's Curly?" asked Knarf, who didn't know anybody by that name.

"It's a lot of trouble for you to answer your phone when it's under the desk," said Hanid. "Most people keep their phones on their desks."

They Haven't Got Mice

"Most people haven't got mice," replied Mr Punch. "But Mr Punch," said Hanid, "mice don't use phones!"

"Mice do," said Mr Punch. "Whom do they call up?"

"Other mice," said Mr Punch. "They call each other up."

Knarf wanted to know if Mr Punch had ever seen any mice using his phone.

"Certainly I've seen them," said Mr Punch. "Why, it was before I had hidden the phone under the desk—that I saw the most extraordinary sight."

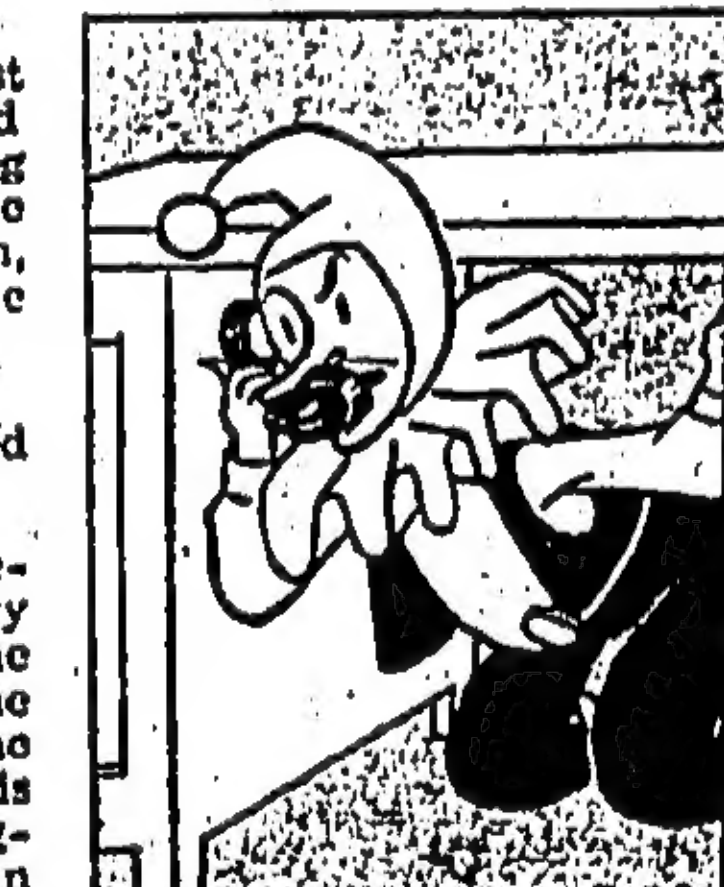
I saw a mouse dressed in his best clothes, with his hair brushed and his shoes shined, walking up to the phone and pulling the receiver off the hook. I mean, he was trying to pull it off the hook. Only he couldn't!"

"Why not, Mr Punch?" asked Knarf.

"Because the telephone receiver was too big and too heavy for a mouse. So what did he do but run to the edge of the desk and shout: 'Hey, Sis Come here!' And the next second his sister, dressed in a lovely ginger-ham dress with a blue ribbon in her hair, came out from a little hole in the corner of the room. She climbed right up to the top of the desk."

"What did she do?" said Knarf.

"Well," said Mr Punch, "her brother told her that he was having trouble getting the receiver of the telephone off the hook. He said he wanted her to help him. So they both started trying to lift the receiver. They'd get it up a little way, then it would drop back again. I could see they were getting pretty discouraged about getting the receiver off at all when the



Mr. Punch crawled under the desk to the telephone.

Papa and Mama mouse looked out of the hole in the corner to see what was going on.

"Did they help?" Hanid asked.

All Four Mice Tried

"Oh yes," said Mr Punch. "All four of the mice now began lifting it, two on one end and two on the other. This time they got it off. Then the boy mouse set about dialing a number. First he tried dialing it with his paw. He couldn't turn the dial at all. And neither could Sis, or Po, or Mama Mouse."

"Oh dear!" said Hanid. She really felt sorry for the mice who weren't strong enough to dial a telephone number. "What did they do then?"

"Then," said Mr Punch, "they each tried dialing it with their noses, but they couldn't budge it. So, finally Papa Mouse said, 'I'll do it. Stand back!'"

"So they all stood back. But poor Papa Mouse had such a big nose that it got stuck in the dial and the others had to pull him out by the legs. But they managed in the end to dial the number by all four of them putting their tails in the dial holes and pulling with all their might."

"And whom were they calling?" Knarf wanted to know.

"Their grandmother," said Mr Punch.

Rupert's Coral Island—30



Rupert racks his brains for some way of escape, without success. When, to his astonishment, a voice quite near him calls out: "What's all the shouting about? Who has landed to come here? Starting up, Rupert sees that it is his friend, the Merboy, now looking not at all friendly, but frowning at him. "Oh, how glad I am to see you," Rupert cries. "Hi, so it's you again," says the Merboy. "A little fish told me someone was here. You've no business to be on this island. It's private!"

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Just Arrived—

MORE ADVENTURES

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FALL AT KEMPTON



F. Chapman comes to grief as he falls from his mount, Nital, at the final fence in the Uxbridge Handicap Chase at Kempton.—Central Press Photo.

SCOTTISH SPORTS SUMMARY

By "MAC"

Britain's soccer match of the season will be staged at Ibrox Stadium on December 8, Glasgow Rangers, Scottish Cup holders and reigning League champions, entertain English First Division Champions Arsenal.

The match, played under floodlight, will inaugurate the Stadium's new lighting system.

Keely watching points at the England-Hungary match at Wembley was the entire Glasgow Celtic team. Said manager Jim McGrory, "The match taught the players more in 90 minutes than we could in six months. Coach George Paterson will take notes of all the lessons and will run through them with the lads when we get back."

Aberdeen are planning an ambitious close-season tour next summer. Destination is Mexico, where they will play six matches. They will return £6,000 richer. The Mexicans have guaranteed all expenses and £1,000 per match.

Newcastle United, seeking a replacement for Scottish international centre-half Frank Brennan, who has been off form, are hoping to fill the berth with another Scotsman. Having failed in their bid for St. Mirren's Willie Telfer, Scotland's current centre-half, Newcastle have switched their attentions to Jimmy Clunie of Raith Rovers.

A bonus with a difference awaited Stirling Albion players after their victory over East Fife. They entered the dressing room after the match to find eleven packets of butter on the trainer's table. They were given by a delighted local farmer.

AUSTRALIANS FEAR FLOP

A soccer tour of the United Kingdom, planned by the Australian Football Association for 1955-6 may be called off.

The tour is being organised similarly to this season's South Africans' tour—and there lies the snag.

The South Africans returned home complaining they had lost heavily on the tour. They shared gates on a 50-50 basis, but their matches attracted small crowds.

This prompted one official to say: "There is no interest in amateur soccer in Britain."

Reported on FA Official: "Presumably there was no interest in the South Africans. There is plenty of interest in our amateurs."

Now the Australians want to know exactly how the South Africans fared financially. If they get a bad report they will not come—and from what the South Africans have already said, a bad report looks certain.

The Australians were planning sending an all-amateur side. International matches against the four Home Countries will probably be arranged. An England professional XI beat Australia 17-0 at Sydney in 1951. Our amateurs should also be too good for them.

(London Express Service)

Home Soccer Standings

London, Dec. 6.
Football League standings after yesterday's matches were:

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wolves	21	12	5	4	34	23	33
West Brom	21	12	4	5	33	21	28
Blackburn	21	12	4	5	33	21	28
Sheff Wed	21	11	1	9	45	40	23
Sheff Utd	21	11	1	9	45	40	23
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SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leicester	21	11	7	3	33	20	29
Everton	21	10	7	4	31	27	27
Doncaster	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
Birmingham	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
Sheff Wed	21	10	5	6	45	31	25
Nottingham	21	10	5	6	45	31	25
Stoke City	21	10	5	6	45	31	25
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THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Southampton	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
Reading	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Port Vale	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
Gateshead	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
Gateshead	21	10	6	5	30	24	26
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Queen	14	9	2	3	30	21	20
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Queen	14	9	2	3	30	21	20
Queen	14	9	2	3	30	21	20

"B" Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Motherwell	14	10	4	0	44	10	20
Motherwell	14	10	4	0	44	10	20
Motherwell	14	10	4	0	44	10	20
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THE ARMY WERE OUT FOR QUICK REVENGE AGAINST POLICE — AND GOT IT!

By I.M. MacTAVISH

Earlier this season I went along to Boundary Street to see the Army and the Police in opposition. On that occasion I saw a very inept soldiers' eleven deservedly beaten and as this was the first time the teams have met since then I wanted to see what changes the return would produce. I was rewarded with an excellent contest, but this time the Army made no mistake and were worthy winners by 3 goals to nil.

It was obvious from the first kick that the Army were out for quick revenge... and, by George, they got it. With the game only 2 minutes old a delightful high speed move saw Reeves cut right through the defence and crash a beautiful drive into the far corner of the net leaving Tsang Kai-wing spread-eagled on the ground.

This was a bright start and play was maintained at an astonishing speed with lots of neat and clever work coming from both sides. Au Chi-yin was being well shadowed by Frazer and much of the Police approach play was suppressed before Granger was caused any real trouble.

The star of the game at this stage was Bennett in the Army forward line and he was causing much trouble among the defenders whenever he had the ball. It was his persistence that led to the second goal. He retained possession in several tackles and from his distribution the ball was moved across the face of the goal to Nash. The right winger controlled it quickly and as Wakefield and Lau Wai closed in he drove it cleverly into the far corner of the net.

MUCH IN EVIDENCE

Little had been seen of Moss during the first half, but in a period of Police supremacy just after the interval he was much in evidence as the power behind many attacks.

Yuen Yui-lam was however the biggest danger to the Army and his leading-up work brought Granger into the game with a couple of first rate saves. The Police team, with Tsang Shek-hong now at centre-half and Lal Wai in the left-back berth, were putting up a much better show but the forwards were not making use of their chances and were upset by the speed of the Army tackling.

With 20 minutes of the second half gone Bennett brought the Army score up to three with an amazing goal. A high ball was lofted into the goalmouth and Bennett with a tremendous jump rose above everyone to drive a powerful header just under the bar.

From then until the end the spectators were treated to some grand open play with near misses at both ends, and only Granger thwarted the Police with a typical neck-or-nothing save.

The Police defence was good and indifferent in patches, and one bad misunderstanding when four players all left the ball to each other saw Nash nip in and drive a fast ball just past the for post.

Tsang Kai-wing did many clever things and had no chance with the shots that beat him. Wakefield was always trying to force on the play. Lal Wai was better when he went to left-back after the interval, but Tsang Shek-hong, who replaced him, was no more successful than he had been in subduing Bennett. Hughes got through a power of work and made his a disappointing debut for Hogen in the Army side.

The forward line was disappointing. Moss only came into the game after the interval but he got little response from Tam Chung-sing on the wing. Au Chi-yin was played out of the game by Frazer and only Yuen Yui-lam seemed capable of carrying the ball in possession.

For the Army, Granger had a quiet afternoon but his handling of the ball was top-class. Casey was the better back but Jones, who came in for the injured Wells, had a promising debut in a strange position.

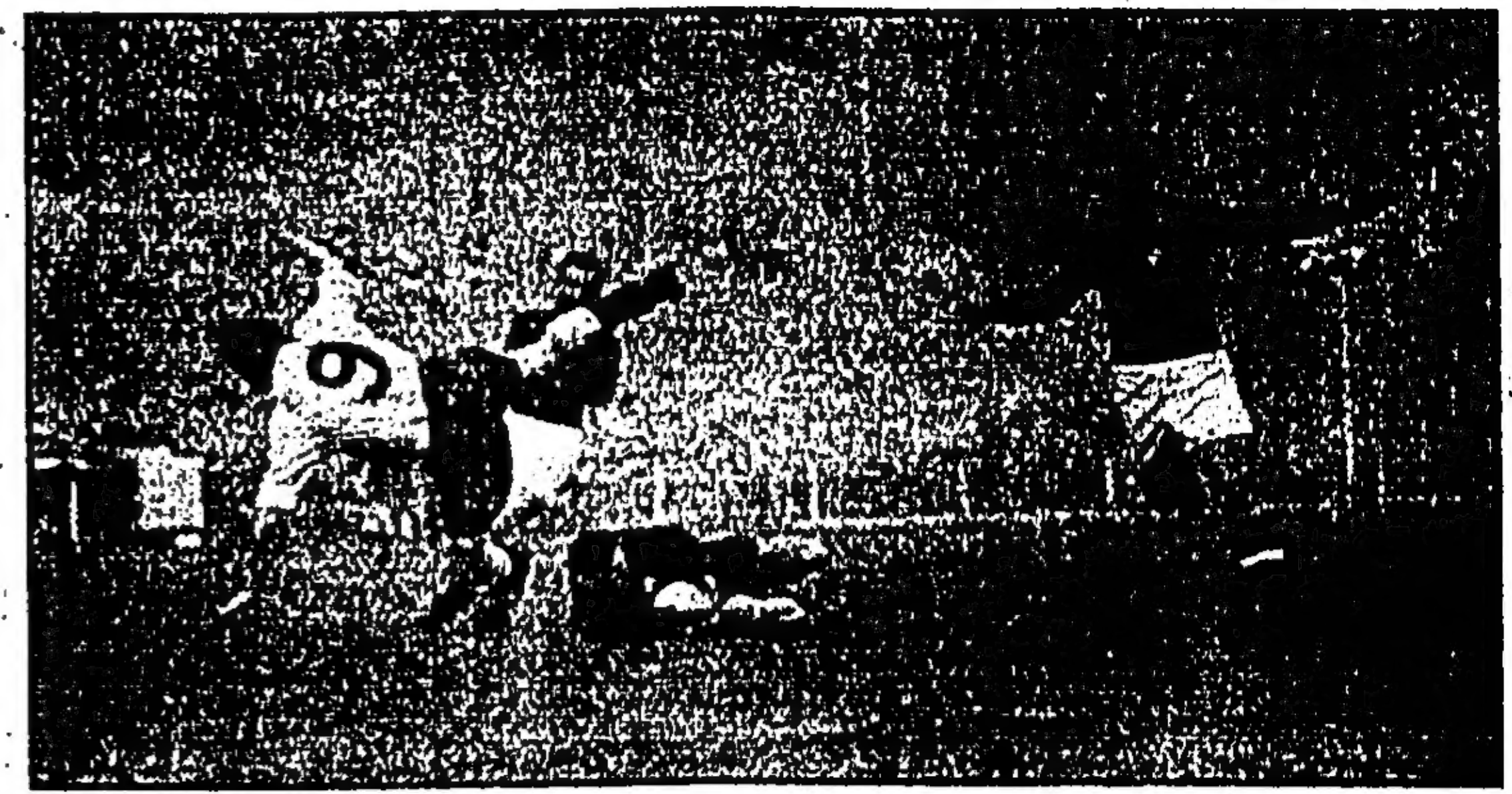
Frazer dominated the centre of the field but neither Stevens

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FLYING MORTENSEN—BUT HUNGARY HAS THE BALL



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Queen Sees Bermuda Triplets



Her Majesty the Queen shows great interest in triplets held by nurses from the Children's Hospital at the Dockyard at Mangrove Bay, during the royal visit to Bermuda. With the Queen is the Governor, Lieut-General Sir Alexander Hood.—Central Press.

Neutral Switzerland Has Created 36-Ship Mercantile Fleet

Berne, Dec. 2.

Neutral Switzerland has created a 36-ship national merchant fleet designed to assure her essential overseas supply lines in case of a third world war.

A full maritime code for the new fleet was approved by the Federal Assembly on September 23, and will come into force on January 1, 1954.

The code, which is in the form of a Federal Law, places all Swiss shipping under the supervision of the Federal Council, Switzerland's semi-permanent Cabinet.

The Federal Council may take any measures it considers necessary to ensure that use of the Swiss flag at sea does not compromise the security and neutrality of the Confederation. The Council is empowered to commandeer any Swiss vessel in the interests of the "economic defence" of the country.

Conditions for registering an ocean-going ship as Swiss, with right to fly the Swiss flag are extremely rigorous. They were designed to prevent the neutrality of vessels flying the Swiss flag being contested by belligerents in any future war.

MAIN CONDITIONS

Among the main conditions are that the owners must be Swiss and have their head office in Switzerland. All shareholders in an owning company must be Swiss and at least three-quarters of them, representing three-quarters of the total capital, must be resident in Switzerland.

Basle, the main Swiss port on the Rhine, is the only port of registration for Swiss ocean-going ships. The name of the ship may be painted on the stern in any one of the three national languages—Swiss German, French or Italian. The Federal Council will take all necessary measures to surmount the major remaining difficulty in the way of forming a 100 per cent Swiss Merchant Navy; that of manning the ships with Swiss nationals.

1,000 SEAMEN

About 1,000 men sail under the Swiss flag at present but only some 25 per cent of them are Swiss nationals.

Swiss shipping companies, with the encouragement of the Federal authorities, are working to train more men to be deep-sea sailors. The Government wishes not only to man the fleet with Swiss as a safeguard against troubled times but also to create new jobs for young men who cannot find work in their crowded homeland.

The Swiss flag made its first appearance at sea during 1941 on a few old ships hastily bought by the Government when the war put an end to charter arrangements with Greek and Yugoslav lines. A makeshift maritime code, now to be replaced by the new law, was drawn up in a few weeks to meet the emergency.

Creation of a merchant fleet then remained the only hope of salvation for the land-locked Confederation, largely dependent on imports for its food and raw materials.

During the First World War, the traditional Swiss policy of chartering foreign ships to ply under their own national flags came near to failure.

In 1917 available tonnage became very rare and Germany

at first refused to give safe conduct to the few United States vessels still carrying supplies for Switzerland.

But the warning was not needed during the prosperous inter-war years.

The fleet which was founded in the emergency of 1941 has grown into one of the most modern and best equipped in the world. The Federal Council, believing in quality not quantity, considers it big enough at 200,000 tons to supply the country in case of need.

Twenty of the 36 ships were built after 1918. Twelve vessels have been added to the fleet, more than doubling its tonnage, since the outbreak of war in Korea in 1950, when the Federal Council extended special loans to Swiss ship owners to build or buy more ships.

Today the Swiss Merchant Navy consists of 21 cargo ships (all over 5,000 tons), 12 coasters, two oil tankers and one tanker specially fitted for carrying wine—China Mail Special.

Limbless German Climbs World's Highest Volcano

Buenos Aires, Dec. 6.

Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel, a 37-year-old German air ace who lost a leg in the last war, will shortly try to climb again what he claims to be the highest volcano in the world.

His reason is that when he first climbed it six months ago, he found some archaeological remains just under the 6,920 metres high crater. And he wants to discover what they are and how they got there.

Rudel, who since the war has been employed by the Argentine Government as a technical adviser on aviation, recently came back into the public eye when he returned to Germany to run as a Nationalist candidate in the September elections.

He was disqualified by the electoral board because of his physical disability, he led an expedition to the top of Llullaillaco, a massive extinct volcano rising to 6,920 metres above sea level on Argentina's frontier with Chile. Ten previous expeditions had failed where he succeeded.

With his two companions, Karl Morgen and Rolf Dargel, he marched 70 kilometres (about 40 miles) from the railroad at Mina Casanilla, through snow and ice and with the wind blowing in gusts of 120 kilometres (about 72 miles) an hour.

NO WORRY

His missing leg did not worry him unduly. "The danger of frost bite was reduced by half," he explained.

Instead of using the usual mule team, the German expedition worked their equipment up to the 4,500 metres level on a tractor.

On the way down from the crater, Rudel became separated from his companions when he fell into a ravine and it was two days before he turned up at the base camp.

But the journey which began as an adventure ended in an archaeological find. Only 120 metres (about 300 feet) below the crater of Llullaillaco, Rudel and his co-explorers found two circular stone walls 1.30 metres high and 10 metres in diameter.

A third incomplete circle stood nearby. What surprised the men most, however, was the presence of a big tree trunk laid close to one of the circles.

"How the thing got there," Rudel commented, "is the biggest mystery. The nearest forests are 150 kilometres (90 miles) away."

Argentine archaeologists doubted Rudel's belief that these walls were ancient tombs, but they were unable to explain them. So Rudel is setting out again at the end of November to find out.

Whatever the walls are, they present a first-class puzzle. At an altitude of nearly 7,000 metres, man can hardly breathe, let alone move large stones about.

President Peron has placed at Rudel's disposal for his new expedition, porters, tractors and mules to carry up the pickaxes and other digging equipment which they will need.

Two cameramen will join the expedition to record its findings. Before setting out, Rudel said that he was convinced that the walls were tombs because it was the practice of the ancient Andean Indians to bury their chiefs as close to the sun as they could.

Besides temperatures which drop to 20° degrees Centigrade (4 degrees Fahrenheit) below zero even in summer, the expedition will have to fight the dread "mal de puna"—the mountain sickness which afflicts even the hardiest among the Andean Indians, and if too prolonged, according to local lore, drives one "mad."—China Mail Special.

U.S. BANK THROWS LIGHT ON THE STERLING AREA'S DOLLAR POSITION

N.Y. STOCK

MARKET REVIEW

New York, Dec. 6.

The big news in the stock market was a sharp pickup during the last week to the highest level since Sept. 18.

Prices struggled up the slippery part of the mountain and made a bit of progress. The going is rough at the point, according to the experts, because many who have profits meant to realize them.

This is one retardant to profit-taking, however, and this is said to have saved the day for the bulls in the past week. It is the fact that income taxes decline on January 1, many are said to be waiting for the lower rate to take the profits on their stocks.

HIGHEST GRADE
This situation plus a growing investment demand for the highest grade issues carried the industrial average to a new high since March 20 and utilities to a top, since March 30. The rally came with the lagged but on Tuesday they set a new average high since August 26.

Utilities outshone the other major departments by rising within a reaction of their 22-year high set last March 13th. Utilities companies not only look for good business in 1954 they plan to expand their facilities.

The industrial average gained 2.48 points on the week, rails gained 0.5 point; utilities gained 1.07 points.

Sales for the week totalled 8,524,703 shares, against 6,027,030 shares last week. The daily average rose to 1,704,958 daily average rose to 1,704,958 shares.

SIGNIFICANT
Market observers considered the rise in volume particularly significant. In the Friday session when prices were easing on week-end realising the transactions fell off sharply.

Some market men said the uptick represented the start of the traditional year-end rally. However, some further tax-selling is anticipated, and this might be irregularity, it was said.

A late feature was a reversal of the trend in tobacco issues which had been hammered down for various reasons, including some rumours denied stoutly by the tobacco companies.

Metals also had good market in several sessions after a long lull. American were strong from time to time with several at new tops. Oils ruled strong in several sessions. Their strength reflected belief the companies would show fairly good profits in the fourth quarter.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$360,205. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HS Bank 1000 1020

INSURANCES
Lombard 58
Union X 7.70 665 130 6 663

DOCKS, ETC.
Wharves 53 1/2 200 5 53 1/2
XD 3100 8 310

LAND, ETC.
HK Hotel 2.53 8.40 500 8 2.53
HK Land 70 75 1/2 70 75 1/2

Realty, XD
(and Rts.) 1.50 1.50 114 1.

UTILITIES
Star Ferry 142
(Old) XD 13.70
C Light XD 10.70

Electric
Telephone 20 1/2 20 200 20 200 1/2

INDUSTRIES
Cement 18 1/2 18.00
STONES, ETC.
Dairy 23.20 23.20 1700 23.20

WATSON
Watson 20.30 1000 20 21

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local monetary exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per 100) 100 100 1/2
Sterling note (per 100) 100 100 1/2
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 100 100 1/2
Singapore (Straits) 100 100 1/2
Indo-China piastre (per 100) 100 100 1/2

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

More light is thrown on the sterling area's dollar position in the current issue of National City Bank of New York's monthly bulletin.

According to this source the period of huge export balances in United States foreign trade is drawing to a close. Indeed, allowing for shipments paid for by American economic aid it is probable that for more than a year the United States has had a small adverse balance in its "cash trade." And this, as the bank points out, hasn't happened for a comparable period since the mid-thirties.

Reduction in United States export surplus with Western Europe has been due both to a decline in its commercial exports and to a rise in its purchases. In this, the bank says that a revival of production in Western Europe and growing availability of goods for domestic consumption and for export have played a most important part. Restrictions against dollar goods, deliberate efforts to turn to non-dollar sources of imports, retrenchment policies and more effective control of inflation have also been influential.

The United Kingdom has reaped its full share of this improvement. In Western Europe's dollar position, in the first eight months of last year its adverse trade balance with the United States, excluding defence aid, was 50 million dollars. In the corresponding period of this year "the gap" was reduced to only two million dollars. In other words the United Kingdom has virtually balanced its direct trade with the United States.

IMPROVEMENT
General improvement in the world's supply of dollars is largely explained by a great increase in U.S. imports. In the first nine months of 1953 those reached an annual rate of 11 billion dollars which, if maintained for the rest of the year would slightly exceed the previous record set in 1951.

Those who are fond of criticizing "protectionist" policies of the United States might well ponder this and also the fact that the U.S. is spending some 58 per cent more dollars this year for foreign goods than in 1948. Nor has this been due simply to a rise in prices. American imports were a third higher by volume in the first eight months of 1953 than in the corresponding period of 1948.

Unfortunately for the sterling area, however, the exception to the general rise in volume of U.S. has been in the way of goods that earn it most dollars. United States import of raw materials, including such valuable sterling area dollar-earners as rubber, wool, textile fibres and cocoa—were one per cent lower, by volume in the first eight months of this year than in the corresponding period of 1952 and five per cent above the 1948 level. This decline in imports took place, moreover, at a time when prices too were falling. As a result the value of U.S. raw material imports fell by 244 million dollars or 15 per cent between the first three quarters of 1952 and the like period of this year.

STERLING BALANCE
The fact that overseas sterling area, nevertheless managed to increase its favourable balance with the U.S. by 15 million dollars in the first eight months of 1953 to 231 million dollars in the corresponding period of this year was entirely due to a reduction in its purchases from the U.S. A decline of 304 million dollars in these more than offset a reduction of 180 million dollars in its sales to the U.S.

Temporarily at least, the National City Bank observes the much talked of "dollar gap" has been eliminated. Indeed countries outside America have been accumulating dollars at a rate of two billion dollars a year. The question is, "the gap" stay permanently closed?

AID DECLINING
Certainly it is no time for complacency. United States foreign economic aid is declining, says the bank, and the outlook for long time continuance of U.S. military spending abroad is uncertain. American merchandise trade is meeting with increased competition both at home and in foreign markets. United States imports are tending to rise and barring an American business recession, which would reduce its purchases of foreign goods, this tendency seems likely to continue. American exports on the

Iranian Oil Not Urgent

London, Dec. 6.

British oil circles said today the world could use Iranian oil if production is resumed but no longer is crying for it.

Oil men pointed out today's resumption of relations was only the starting point for probably drawn-out talks about restarting the closed Iranian oil fields and the huge but decaying Abadan refinery.

But they debunked some reports that Iran's 30,000,000-ton annual production would precipitate a world oil glut.

"Bringing Iran back into the oil market is just likely to take up the expected increase in world oil consumption," one British oil man said. Others voiced the same opinion generally, although with reservations.

"It is up to the ingenuity of the industry to coordinate returning Persian production with increasing world demand," another said.—United Press.

Oil Fever In Australia

Sydney, Dec. 6.

The oil fever continued to spread throughout Australia today and further hectic trading in oil stocks was predicted for Monday when the Exchange reopens. Nothing has stopped Australia's oil fever since General Douglas MacArthur's arrival in Melbourne as the successful oil drilling in the Exmouth Gulf area in Western Australia.

Dennis Barker, a high official of the Anglo-Iranian oil Company, said here today, he believed that a large oil field is situated in Western Australia where the strike was made. Mr Barker, who completed an inspection of the new 90-million-dollar oil refinery his company is building in Perth, Western Australia, departed for San Francisco today. He said the refinery would begin operation in 1954, handling oil from the Middle East and Far East and probably from the new Western Australia oil field to San Francisco.—United Press.

Savoy Hotel Battle Grips Public Imagination

(By Our Own Correspondent)

It isn't often that the affairs of the Stock Exchange seize the imagination of the newspaper-reading population. But this week a new word was on everyone's lips. It was "take-over."

Not everyone who discussed the ethics of take-over bids—and there must have been millions of them—knew what the term meant or exactly what was involved. But what they did know was that something exciting was happening on the stock exchange and that it concerned the famous hotel, the Savoy.

The three-cornered struggle for the control of the Savoy group between Hugh Wontner, Chairman of the Hotel's Board of Directors, Harold Samuel's Land Securities and Investment Trust, and Charles Clore's Prince's Investments, has been front-page news all the week.

When Mr. J. B. Lindon, QC, produced his report for the Board of Trade on recent heavy buying of Savoy shares, Mr Samuel had already acquired 20 per cent of the Company's shares and Mr. Clore another seven per cent. They were then priced at 55s. 9d. after being 53s. 6d. earlier this year. Then the price began to move. Gradually, first they jumped to 60s., then slumped to 51s. 3d. By Friday's opening, they were back to 52s. 6d. They were a shilling cheaper later in the day, when it was announced that Mr. Clore, who now held 12 per cent of the Savoy shares, was selling out (reportedly for £260,000) Mr. Samuel, whose stake in the Company, which in the meantime had grown to 25 per cent, has thus risen to 37 per cent.

ONE OUT
With one competitor out of the field, the shares dropped to 48s. 7 1/2d. where they now stand, 5s. 10 1/2d. down on the week.

But while this was going on, Hugh Wontner had not been idle. Knowing that the bidders for control of the Savoy group had their eye on the Company's Berkeley Hotel, which they proposed to convert into an office block, Mr. Wontner quietly formed a new Company—the Worcester Buildings Company—to acquire certain of the Company's freehold properties, including the Berkeley.

It is believed that the Savoy directors plan to set up a trust to hold the new company's £10,000 of one-shilling shares, thus putting the Berkeley beyond Mr. Samuel's control. The last word in the running fight is that Mr. Samuel is taking legal advice on the new situation.

TOKEN STRIKE
The rest of the week's dealings on Stock Exchange seemed dull by comparison.

The long-threatened token strike by the engineering unions who are seeking a 15 per cent wage increase left the industrial share prices generally undisturbed. But the investors received a sharp reminder that the wage deadlock in this vital industry is still unresolved.

On the wider economic front, news of an unexpectedly large rise in gold reserves during November cheered a dull gilt-edged market into momentary activity. But prices tended to drop again before the weekend.

Indication of the effect that Mr. Butler's recent warnings on exports has had on investors.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Dec. 6.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 2, reads as follows:

Public deposits 2,222,500
Private deposits 2,222,500
Government securities 2,222,500
Other securities 2,222,500
Bank ratio 2,222,500

London Stock Market Review

London, Dec. 6.

Britain's "bull market" had a poor week, the Financial Times index closing at 127.5 compared with last week's 128.3; it is now nearly 3 per cent below the recent peak on November 3 of 131.5.

One factor certainly was the rising clash between the trade unions and the engineering industry. Also the fact that the newly issued share of the "Nationalised" that the issue price of 25 shillings instead of at the hoped-for premium of a shilling or more, suggested misgivings about the immediate future of heavy industries.

Vickers and Lancashire Cotton lost 10 1/2 pence, Dunlops and a good many others two pence. Chain stores were strong with Woolworths up two shillings.

Savoy Hotel shares were the most active issue in the market. The shares fell 6 shillings 6 pence to 48 shillings. People who had expected that the would-be new owner of the company, Mr. Harold Samuel, would offer them 60 shillings per share decided he already had enough shares for effective control and hence was unlikely to make any offer.

Oil was strong with Royal Dutch up 7 shillings 6 pence, Shell up 3 shillings 3 pence. Both of these dividend hope — and Anglo-Iranian up one shilling 3 pence on improved diplomatic relations with Persia.

Another valiant effort to lift gold shares back into popularity came to naught this week. German Loan (Reich) lost about 1 1/2 sterling while the two Polish Loans lost 3 and 3 1/2 shillings. Japanese bonds closed mixed with fractional gains and losses. Dollar stocks closed several points higher than last week.—United Press.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 6.

The Bank of France statement for week ended November 20, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 2,222,500
Total foreign currencies 2,222,500
Total balance abroad 2,222,500
Reserve funds 2,222,500
France abroad 2,222,500
Note in circulation 2,222,500
Current accounts 2,222,500
Deposits 2,222,500

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Smelly Civic Politics The Subject Of The Week

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Dec. 4.

Civic politics are the news this week—and smelly old politics they are!

A week ago it was generally conceded that the State Labour Government would appoint a Royal Commissioner to probe the affairs of the City Council, but instead—out of the blue in a rushed night session—it brought down what is now known as a Gag Bill—a measure which prevents the press or individuals making allegations about the Council unless they have definite proof that will stand the light of a law court.

And as few people—other than parties concerned—can ever hope to have that sort of evidence—the Government very effectively has stifled criticisms of aldermanic honesty. But, each day now fresh charges of bribery and corruption are being made in the State Lower and Upper House and there are many who believe that eventually the hand of the Premier, Mr Cahill, will be forced and he will order a Royal Commission.

If he doesn't City Council stocks in public opinion are going to be at a pretty low ebb for a long time to come; if he does, some rare old fireworks are likely.

THE ROYAL VISIT

And now for more cheerful subjects. Already we are preparing for the Queen who will arrive here on February 3. Trees in City parks are gradually becoming bedecked in electric light globes; painters are putting a little spit and polish on city buildings and various committees in charge of decorations are meeting frequently.

The Christmas rush will cause plans to be temporarily put in the top drawer, away from the face of the city will rapidly change.

While the Queen is unlikely to get a welcome on a par with Panama, it is certain that Sydney will let its head go in one wild welcome. In fact, a Royal visit is badly needed to give this place a face-lift.

Footnote: If there is anything in this Council bribery talk it is a pity someone doesn't pass over some cash to have the streets of the Royal procession repaired. Most of them are in such a shocking state at the moment that it could easily become the Wildest Ride of the Tour.

UNEXPECTED TRIBUTE

A surprising thing happened this week... an overseas visitor praised our hotels.

This strange character is English fashion designer Teddy Tingling (the man who put the lace on Georgious Gussie's pants).

"Before I arrived I heard a lot of critical comment about your hotels and was expecting something pretty grim," he said.

"But I have found them quite comfortable, and got everything I want and no man can ask for more."

All we—and many other stunned Sydneysiders—can say is that Teddy must have struck the jackpot.

DOG REGIMENT

For the first time the Australian Army is to recruit a Dog Regiment, and even mongrels will find a place in its ranks.

The dogs will be used for special guard and patrol work. Dogs recruited will include mongrels for mine detection; Alsatians for guard duty and hunting dogs for patrols. The new unit will be called the Australian Dog Troop and will be under the control of a warrant officer who has just returned from a dog-handling course in Britain.

As some old soldiers remarked—How very much like the Army to have a dog handling course.

Three vet. surgeons operated on 23 cows in the South Coast district over the last few weeks to remove pieces of wire from their stomachs. They believe the wire was chopped up in the chaff fed to the cows.

IRVING KRON

These leggy men aren't all cold blooded characters which the public sometimes thinks. This week, one of them saved a soldier from 'gaol'.

The soldier interrupted the hearing of a divorce petition by his father-in-law by shouting out from the back of the court—"You did say it, you—liar!" The judge promptly called him up, told him his conduct constituted contempt of court and asked him why he shouldn't be sent to gaol.

TRAINING FOR MERCHANT NAVY



Two of the young girl cadets who are among the 47 now under training with boy cadets at Dalren, for the Chinese Merchant Service.—London Express.

Chou En-Lai Lashes Out At US

(Continued from Page 1)

Korean and Chinese side has always been better than that stipulated in the Geneva Convention.

The US has charged that 38,000 UN prisoners and Korean civilians were killed in death marches and massacres or died from starvation and lack of medical care in North Korean POW camps.

But Chou charged that "the US Government is hard at work fabricating lies to confuse public opinion."

The Communist Chinese Government apparently attached great significance to Chou's lengthy statement. It was broadcast at an hour when Radio Peking is usually silent and was announced 30 minutes in advance in a special marcesca bulletin from Peking.

The Red Premier turned angrily against America in his tirade.

He repeated the Red charge that the US "waged inhuman germ warfare and elated four other accusations against the American army."

1. "The American forces dropped millions of tons of bombs on the peaceful cities and villages of Korea."

2. Americans "used napalm and gas bombs for mass destruction."

3. "The American and Syngman Rhee forces slaughtered the Korean people in tens of thousands."

4. The US and South Korea "persecuted and murdered the Korean and Chinese POWs by the most savage and brutal means in the POW camps on Koje, Cheju and Pongmang Islands."

Premier Chou accused the US of using the United Nations to "maintain tension in the Far East and Asia."

He charged that America is attempting to delay the summation of the Korean peace conference and undermining the explanations to unrepatriated war prisoners.

By these tactics, Chou charged, the US plans "to stop the rearmament of Japan, to extend its network of military bases in Asia and to push forward the organisation of an aggressor bloc in Asia."—United Press.

MR LYTTLETON ATTACKED

London, Dec. 6. In a violent attack on the British Secretary for the Colonies, Mr Oliver Lyttleton, former War Minister John Strachey said today that the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, would have to choose between retaining this minister or retaining the Commonwealth. "We cannot keep both," he added.

"Every speech by Mr Lyttleton casts us a rebellion in a colony," Strachey said. "There are not enough colonies in the British Navy or battalions in the British Army to undo the damage caused by this dangerous man."—France-Press.

"What's His Line?" Solution BUTCHER-BOY London Express Service.

COURT ACTION STRUCK OUT

An action for a claim of deposits amounting to \$212,320.70 was struck out of the trial paper by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning when plaintiffs in the action failed to appear.

Plaintiffs were the New China Trading Company, of 15 Bonhom Strand West.

Defendants were the Lung Kee Hong (firm), merchants, of the same address, and Wong Chi-yuen, Keung Hock-shin, Keung Shok-chun and Chik Hin-ting, partners.

Mr T. Shurlock who appeared for all the defendants, on the instructions of Mr H. Caine, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Messrs applied for the action to be struck out under Supreme Court Orders.

Counsel said that an indorsed writ was issued on October 28, 1950, and on November 18, 1950, an order was made that the defendants be given unconditional leave to defend the action and that there be mutual discovery within 14 days from the close of pleadings.

The Defence was filed on February 17, 1951, and there had been no discovery of documents by the plaintiffs, he added.

His Lordship made an order for the action to be struck out of the trial paper and for plaintiffs to pay all costs arising out of and incidental to and thrown away by their failure to appear.

Ailing Travellers

One Russian and 11 stateless passengers all suffering from ailments, were sent to the Tri-Bureau Hospital for treatment in two Fire Brigade ambulances immediately on their arrival here from Shanghai by the ss Pakhoi this morning.

They were Tamara Belokopytova, George Bragin, Helen Burdwick, Alla Limont, Anna Libanova, Julia Mihail, Alexander Mostevschikov, Tatiana Nemtzeff, Jerry Stojanikowski, Boris Shvetzoff, Vera Matveichik and Alexander Yakounina.

They are en route to Sweden for resettlement.

LAST TRIP AS TROOPSHIP

The ss Captain Hobson arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom with replacement troops and a number of service families for Hongkong.

The Captain, Hobson, on charter to Government, completed her service as a troopship with her arrival this morning. She made one trip from here two months ago for the United Kingdom with troops who had completed their tour in Hongkong.

24-Hour Remand

Yip Kai-yuen, of 300, Main Street, West, was remanded this morning for 24 hours before Mr Hing-shing Lo, having pleaded not guilty to a charge of using obscene language at Main Street West on December 5.

Alleged Corruption And Conspiracy: This Morning's Evidence

Further evidence was given before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning by Prosecution witnesses who testified that they gave sums of money to the fifth accused before passing driving tests at the Kowloon Traffic Branch, when hearing of the case against seven men charged with corruption and conspiracy, was resumed.

In the dock were Chu Kwang-see, 38, Police interpreter, attached to Kowloon City Police Station; Wong Kwong-cho, alias Wong Joe, 43, proprietor of the Kwong Wah Driving School; Yeung Kwok-hon, 32, proprietor of the Chung Wan Driving School; Mak Po-hon, 34, proprietor of the Po Kwong Driving School; Kwok Kam, alias Kwok Chi-kuen, 31, proprietor of the Nam Fong Driving School; Lee Lin-biu, 29, waiter, and Chung Lung, 23, driving instructor.

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Hastings and Counsel, is representing the first and fifth accused, Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr F. X. d'Almada, is defending the second and sixth accused. The third and fourth are represented by Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr Alfred Hon, while Mr Francis H. B. Wong is appearing for the seventh accused.

Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. The accused were charged with conspiring with others not in custody between June 21 and August 17 this year to give money to Sub-Inspector R. G. Tibbitts, formerly of the Kowloon Traffic Office, as a reward for preferential treatment to certain members of the public in passing them in their driving tests.

\$550 NEEDED

The first witness this morning was Kenneth Yosen Chan. He gave evidence that on July 7, he took a driving test at the Kowloon Traffic Office and failed. Subsequently, he went to see Kwok Kam (fifth accused), who told him that \$550 was needed if he wanted to pass his driving test.

Witness said he decided he was willing to pay provided he got an early date for the test, and provided he could pass the test.

Replying to a question by Crown Counsel, Chan said that when he paid the \$550 to Kwok, he understood that Kwok was to make the subsequent test easier for him. Kwok told him this.

On August 8, he went with Kwok to the Kowloon Traffic Office, and he passed the second driving test.

Cross-examined by Mr Wright, witness agreed that during the years after the Pacific War, he had heard that sometimes it was necessary for "squeeze" money to be paid to Police officers at the Traffic Office in order to pass driving tests.

TOOK LESSONS

Further questioned, he said he took some driving lessons from Kwok, and he considered fifth accused a competent and helpful driving instructor.

When he asked Kwok to whom the \$550 was to be paid, he accused said he could not tell him. Witness agreed that Kwok did not demand or press him to pay the \$550. He agreed further that he was not sure who first brought up the question of paying this sum, Kwok or himself.

Mr Wright asked witness if he could say that he passed his second test more easily than the first time. Chan replied he could say he felt more confident during the second test.

Questioned by Mr Wong, witness said Inspector Tibbitts, the Police testing officer, was very quiet in a normal way during the test, and he did not talk to him much. But during the second test, the Inspector helped him to start the car, and on one occasion remarked that his driving was quite good.

The next witness was Leung Kwong-lam, who testified he took a driving test and failed. Later he made arrangements with the fifth accused for driving lessons, and it was agreed that he would pay him \$400, apart from the tuition fees.

No further conversation took place between himself and the fifth accused, and he considered the \$400 as part of the tuition fees.

At this stage, Crown Counsel told the Court that he would apply to treat the witness as hostile. Mr Wright objected to this application, saying that the witness had not shown any disposition to conceal anything. Counsel said he did not see any ground to treat him as hostile.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at 9 P.M., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the 9 P.M. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are given one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., South Africa, 10 a.m., Formosa, 11 a.m., Macao, 6 p.m., Malaya, Burma, India, 3 p.m., Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio-Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 7, The News and the Forty Tunes; 7.15, A Tale from the Arabian Nights Part 1: "The Robber's Cave"; 7.30, The News; 7.45, The News; 8, Eric Cartwright, 6.55, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal, World News and International Calendar; 7.15, The News; 7.30, Chinese Songs sung by International Cabaret; 7.45, The News; 8, The News; 8.15, The News; 8.30, The News; 8.45, The News; 9, The News; 9.15, The News; 9.30, The News; 9.45, The News; 10, The News; 10.15, The News; 10.30, The News; 10.45, The News; 11, The News; 11.15, The News; 11.30, The News; 11.45, The News; 12, The News; 12.15, The News; 12.30, The News; 12.45, The News; 1, The News; 1.15, The News; 1.30, The News; 1.45, The News; 2, The News; 2.15, The News; 2.30, The News; 2.45, The News; 3, The News; 3.15, The News; 3.30, The News; 3.45, The News; 4, The News; 4.15, The News; 4.30, The News; 4.45, The News; 5, The News; 5.15, The News; 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